

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace numbered paragraph [0001] on page 1 of the substitute specification (clean copy) with the following amended paragraph:

This application is a national stage application of International Application No. PCT/EP2004/007231, filed July 2, 2004, which claims the priority benefit of German Patent Application No. DE 203 10 390.4, filed July 4, 2003.

Please replace numbered paragraph [0025] on page 6 of the substitute specification (clean copy) with the following amended paragraph:

We refer to Figure 1, which shows a hollow-plug type elastomer insert 10, inserted into a transverse opening 2 ~~of that is subsequently inserted into~~ a main pipe 1, wherein pipes of this type can be clay pipes or concrete pipes. Reinforced areas 8 are provided in the latter case, which are shown herein as transverse and longitudinal reinforced areas. These reinforced areas 8 can also be cut during the cutting of the transverse opening 2, which is one of the reasons why it is generally not possible to create a transverse opening 2 with precise dimensions, meaning the individual diameter can be irregular, and the diameter can differ from case to case. The same difficulties are encountered with the walls of shafts.